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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Schaekers et al.

Appln. No.: 10/734,090

Filed: December 11, 2003

For: Solvent extraction mixture comprising substituted imidazole or benzimidazole for the purification of groups of base metals

Examiner: Grazier

Art Unit: 1626

Attorney Docket No: 10908/7

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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
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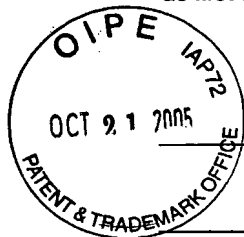
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, Applicants elect Group I and further elect the substituted imidazole of Diagram 1, where R₂ is a methylene-amino group as shown in Diagram 3 with R₅ being a methyl group and R₆ being a methylene-

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methylene-amino group with one of the substituents being hydrogen and the other a methyl group, i.e., $\text{CH}_2\text{-NH-CH}_3$.